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For: SUBSTRATE PROCESSING APPARATUS  
AND PRODUCING METHOD OF  
SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE

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Examiner: K. T. Chen

**AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

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Commissioner for Patents  
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Madam:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

In response to the non-final Office Action dated February 12, 2009, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 7 of this paper.